



Each of us possesses deep, almost unutilizable possibilities to become better than we are; but allowing yourself to become tangled up in too much of life's trivia does not provide the opportunity for developing our true best talents.

## Careless Spraying Can Kill Animals, Botanist Warns

Death by poison is increasing at such an alarming rate in Michigan that several state organizations are cooperating to do something about it.

Since human victims of this silent slaughter are rare, the public has not yet been aroused against it. In fact, large segments of the public are the guilty killers. Careless use of chemical sprays is the weapon.

Most of the victims are small animals, generally wild, but often pet cats and dogs, and particularly birds of all kinds. This season alone many thousands of birds have met a convulsive death in the suburban area of Detroit, according to Dr. Marion T. Hall, scientist at Cranbrook Institute of Science, Bloomfield Hills, who says that autopsies on numerous dead creatures reveal dangerous concentrations of DDT.

Fully aware of the need to spray certain insect, fungus and virus enemies of plants, Dr. Hall suggests that much of the damage to harmless wildlife is done by uncontrolled spraying of pest insects such as mosquitos, black flies and deer flies.

**SELDOM LETHAL** immediately, DDT gradually accumulates in an organism through the digestive tract, or through the skin in humans, creating a general sickness which, with repeated exposure, may eventually result in death.

Concentrations of DDT exceeding 2 pounds per acre in oil solution are dangerous to mammals, man, and birds, and are used on or near water, concentrations exceeding 1/5 pound per acre will result in death.

"One of the first things some former city dwellers do on moving to their new suburban homes is spray everything that moves," Dr. Hall said. "They want to enjoy nature in a penthouse atmosphere, and soon create a biological desert. They seldom realize that in killing off pests they are likely to slaughter many harmless creatures, including birds which are probably the most effective general insect control."

**PARTICULARLY** dangerous chemicals, aside from DDT, are arsenate of lead, phenyl mercury compounds, nicotine sulfate and aldrin. Dr. Hall recommends that spraying be applied in the proper concentration at the right time of year for a specific problem.

Before using his "Kill It Yourself" kit or calling in commercial sprayers, the householder is urged to seek expert advice from his city forester, city parks department technical staff or county agricultural agent.

If he would like written information on correct spray procedures, he should contact the Michigan State Department of Plant Pathology and Department of Entomology.

Among the several public groups concerned about the destruction of wildlife through careless use of poisons are the Michigan Audubon Society, the Michigan Botanical Club, the Humana Society, the Michigan Department of Conservation, the Michigan Natural Areas Council and the Michigan Conservation Clubs.

These organizations, Dr. Hall says, believe that one of the happiest aspects of suburbia is sharing a natural environment with harmless wildlife.

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ALFRED W. KRAUSE (left), son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Krause, 2540 Yorkshire, Birmingham, and John L. Elliott of Thompson, Ill., both University of Illinois midshipmen inspect a 30-caliber heavy machine gun at the U.S. Naval Amphibious base, Little Creek, Norfolk, Va. Krause will return home Aug. 6. He attended Birmingham high school. Majoring in aeronautical engineering, Krause is a junior at the university.

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### Patrons' Use Of Pens Piqued Postmaster

When John Hanna was Birmingham's postmaster in 1907, he had the following rules for the use of pens and ink supplied by the post office tacked on the wall:

"Dip the pens very deep in the ink well; then with a jerking motion, throw ink on the desk and wall; jab pen in the desk three times. Write on the blotter and manicure your nails. Pick your teeth with the pen while meditating what to write. Then proceed to write and kick about the poor pens and ink provided by the post office."

Pictured above is Postmaster John Hanna, and his assistant, identified as Lou MacDougal. The post office then was located on the southeast corner of Pierce and Maple streets. (Photo from Donald Hanna of Ann Arbor.)

### Rest Leave in Japan For Sgt. Wholihan

Sgt. Henry C. Wholihan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wholihan, 31721 Verona circle recently spent a 7-day rest and recuperation leave in Hakata, Japan.

Wholihan is normally stationed in Korea as a personnel sergeant in the 86th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion. He entered the Army in September 1952 and arrived in Korea in May 1953.

### \* Smile a Minute ...

Jones—"Good evening, old man. Thought I'd drop in and see you about the umbrella, you borrowed from me last week."

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Jervis C. Webb, 655 Cranbrook, Bloomfield township, and president of Jervis B. Webb Co., Detroit, has been elected a member of the Young Presidents' Organization, New York headquarters of the national group announced today.

Webb became president of his company in 1952 at the age of 37. All members of YPO, now numbering more than 650 in 41 states and one province of Canada, similarly became top executives before reaching the age of 39. They remain active members until 45.

Chief objectives of YPO are exchange of ideas on modern management methods and "championship of individual liberty and stimulation, through proper incentives, of personal initiative and enterprise."

After graduation from Massachusetts Institute of Technology

In 1937, Webb joined his present concern and has worked there ever since. The company manufactures industrial conveyor systems.

## Serving in Germany With 1st Infantry

Pvt. James J. Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn J. Moore, 768 Humphreys, is serving with the First Infantry Division in Germany.

Moore, a truck vehicle mechanic company A of the division's 701st ordnance battalion, entered the Army during October 1953 and arrived overseas in June.

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